हमारे बिहार में दो ही मिले हैं, एक गया और एक मुकामा में। गया का आधा कपड़ा तो साफ हो गया जिसकी बुनाई होती थी और उसके एक साल पहले ही एनटीसी मैनेजमेंट ने बन्द कर दिया, अब वे सूत बनाते हैं। लेकिन उसको रूई ही नहीं मिलती है। जब वे रूई देते ही नहीं तो सूत बने कैसे? और ये हमारी.....

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी) : अंसारी जी, क्या आप दो-तीन मिनट में खत्म कर देंगे।

श्री जलालुदीन अंसारी : आपके हुक्म का पालन होगा, जो बच जाएगा उसको अगली बार में पूरा कर दूंगा। हमारी सरकार विदेश में रूई बेचती है। अरे, अपने घर को जला कर विदेश में रूई बेचकर कौन से तीस मारखां हो रहे हैं भाई? हमारे बिहार में कहावत है तीस मारखां वाली, वाली बहादुर होना। यह कौन-सी बहादुरी का सबूत है। अपने उद्योग-धंधों के लिए रूई नहीं और इस देश से रूई विदेशों में भेजेंगे और फिर रूई विदेश से मंगायेंगे तो यह बात कुछ समझ में नहीं आती है। कभी कहते हैं कि रूई का एक्सपोर्ट करेंगे और फिर उसी रूई का इम्पोर्ट करते हैं, यह अजीब वातावरण है। मेरे जैसे साधारण बुद्धि के आदमी को समझ में नहीं आता है इसलिए कि जो सरकार चलाते हैं उनके पास बुद्धि बहुत है और बड़े-बड़े ब्यूरोक्रेट्स हैं, उनको राय देने के लिए। जो कहते हैं कि रूई बेच दो और फिर कहते हैं कि रूई की कमी हो गई है, फिर रूई बाहर से मंगाओ। ऐसी इकनामी की बुनियाद पर ऐसा कारोबार दूसरी जगह पर कम मिलेगा, यह अपने ही देश में मिलता है। जब यह स्थिति है तो आप विदेशी मुद्रा कैसे कमायेंगे? जब आपके यहां कपड़े का उत्पादन होगा तभी तो विदेशों में भेजेंगे और वह भी जो अच्छी किस्म का होगा।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI): It is 4.50 P.M. now. I adjourn the House now to reassemble at 6.30 P.M. when the hon. Finance Minister will lay the Budget on the Table of this House. The hon. Member, Shri Jalaludin Ansari, will continue his speech next time, that is, as and when the Private Members' Resolution comes up for discussion. Mr. Ansari, we won't keep you waiting for long.

The House then adjourned at fifty-one minutes past four of the clock till thirty minutes past six of the clock.

The House reassembled at thirty-two minutes past six of the clock, the Deupty Chairman in the Chair.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Chidambaram, you have made your Budget speech for one-and-a-half hours.

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THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Madam, with your permission I would like to read the last three paragraphs.

Our goal must be to achieve rapid and broad-based growth which alone can ensure higher employment, better living standards and a humane and just society. The challenges that we face today are not unique to India. Other countries, including our friends in Asia, have faced similar challenges. Japan showed the way. Other Asian countries are surging ahead. And, finally, there is the example of China, powering its way to becoming the second largest economy in the world. These countries have shown that with courage, wisdom and pragmatism they can find their rightful places in the world.

Deng Xiao Peng, to whom we paid homage a few days ago, once said, "From our experience of these last few years, it is entirely possible for economic development to reach a new stage every few years. Development is the only hard truth." India's economy has also reached a new stage. Our beloved India is far stronger today she was six years ago.

I would appeal to this House, and to the Indian people, to heed the call of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore:

> Desha desha nandita Kari mandrita tabha bheri, Ashilo jata birabrinda aashana tabha gheri. Deen aagata oyi, Bharat tabu kayi?
> Shey ki rahila lupta aaji shaba-janapaschatay?

Louk bishwakarmabhar mili shabar shathay. (The call has sped over all countries of the world. And men have gathered around thy seat. The day is come; but where is India? Does she still remain hidden, lagging behind? Let her take up her burden and march with all.)

Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Government of India for the year 1997-98.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You have become a linguist now, from Tamil to English, to Bengali.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal), Madam, it is a coalition.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is a coalition.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA (Bihar): Madam, it is a period of integration.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In the last Budget Speech, he recited a "sher" (couplet) in Urdu and now.....*(Interruptions)*....

AN HON. MEMBER: And in Tamil.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: In Tamil also. And now it is in Bengali.

THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): He is disappointing his well-meaning critics.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, he is disappointing his well-meaning critics. So, thank you, Mr. Finance Minister. All the best for you and your critics. It is between you and them. The House is adjourned till 11 O'clock on Monday.

The House then adjourned at thirty five-minutes past six of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 3rd March, 1997.